Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The invention relates to an internet payment system based on return traffic. In regard of payment for content delivered across the internet an aspect of the invention provides for initiation of an explicit return flow of packets. Reception by the server of these return packets entails reception of payment tokens of the client by the server and a sign to the server to continue with the delivery of the content. Maskerading by the client can be prevented by sending challenges along with the data packets and by having the client to send responses to the same along with the return packets.

~~Fig. 1.~~

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 3, line 5 as follows:

According to one aspect of the invention one or more of the stated objects is or are achieved by a process for controlling delivery of digital works across a communication channel such as the internet ~~as specified in claim 1~~.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 12 as follows:

The Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) allows for segmentation of the data to be transmitted into IP packets and for numbering of the bytes. Using these numbers the receiver of a TCP connection re-orders the received packets, in case IP has delivered them out of order. It

further sends an ACK packet (acknowledgment) back to the sender for each received packet of which the ~~proceeding~~ preceding packets have also been received. The TCP sender uses these ACKs to determine which packets need to be resent in order to repair for losses, and by that to turn the IP best-effort delivery into a reliable end-to-end transport. A packet is retransmitted after a time-out period has expired during which an expected ACK has not been received, or when its previous packet has been ACK-ed three times. The time-out period is based on an estimate of the Round Trip Time (RTT). Duplicate ACKs indicate that packets succeeding the missing one ~~do~~ have been received, which in turn is an indication that there is no further congestion in the transport channel.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 32 as follows:

~~The invention also provides a process for use as set out in claim 5.~~

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 33 as follows:

~~The invention further provides a method as set out in claim 6.~~

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 4, line 34 as follows:

~~The invention further provides a computer programme as set out in claim 9.~~

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 6, line 1 as follows:

Figure 2 provides an elaboration on the control operations of the monitor (220) according to Figure 1. Figure 2 depicts the order of the consecutive packets of the media stream. The packets ~~upto~~ up to the packet indexed N-1 have been transmitted. T number of packets have

been transmitted, but are yet to be acknowledged by the client, i.e. these packets are in transit. The server is set to accept that at any given instant ~~upto~~ up to W number of packets may not yet be acknowledged. If W packets are not acknowledged in time, the server will discontinue the transmission.